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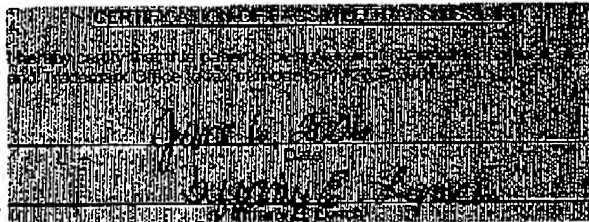
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a report as to the status of the above-noted application.

This application was filed on October 8, 2004, and accorded a filing date of May 23, 2005 under 35 U.S.C. §371, and, as of the date of this letter, no Office Action has been received in this matter. The purpose of this letter is to insure that an Office Action has not been misdirected in the mail and, if no Office Action has been forwarded, Applicant requests an estimate as to when it might expect an Office Action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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